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ALMA IS STEADILY FORGING TO THE FRONT

John D. Spinney to Build New Block on His Lots on East Superior Street—Will be Occupied by M. L. Perrigo

Milton L. Perrigo, who recently moved from Forest Hill to his home on West Center street in Alma, closed a contract with John D. Spinney on Monday of this week for an automobile showroom at Numbers 211, 213 and 215 East Superior street, Alma. Mr. Spinney on the same day sold the small store now on the premises at No. 215 and for a few days offers the store building at No. 211 for \$100.00, the same to be removed within ten days from date of purchase, from the premises.

Mr. Perrigo has leased from Mr. Spinney entire lots 16 and 17, block 20, Alma, Mich., which gives him 53 feet on East Superior street, said lots running back 132 feet and having a driveway on three sides of the property, the alley on the east being over 29 feet wide and there being a public alley on the north.

It is the intention to commence building operations at once. George S. Young has been employed to construct the new building to whom all persons desiring to furnish material or applying for employment should

apply. It is to be of brick, stone, cement and cement block, having a cement floor and if possible no inside supports, the roof being of iron truss work. The design of the Flint Garage opposite the Court House on South Saginaw street in Flint, is to be followed, and the plans as prepared by George H. Swift, the architect in that city. The new building will cover the entire 53 feet on East Superior street and run back from 60 to 80 feet, well constructed and of neat design and modern improvements. It is hoped to make the handling of automobiles easier. Cars can be elevated on the iron truss that holds the roof by pulley, to work on in repairing and do away with crawling under a car on the floor.

There is no question but what the automobile is here to stay and the use of them is in its infancy and that is true of the handling of them and care of them. This, Mr. Perrigo impressed upon Mr. Spinney, who finally found a way to provide a business home for Mr. Perrigo and the Studebaker automobile in Alma.

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB.

The Arcada Farmers' club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Malloy on October 1. The program follows:

Call to Order—President.
Song—Club.
Invocation.
Reading of minutes of last meeting.
Dinner.
Song—Club.
Roll Call—For good of club.
Unfinished business and new business.

Reading—Mrs. Felix Fea.
Recitation—Mrs. Ed. Rockafellow.
Discussion—"Is Peppermint Hard on the Soil?"—E. S. Potter.

Question box.
Song—Miss Ida Young.
Adjournment.

MRS. E. C. FERRIS,
Cor. Sec'y.

MRS. A. L. VOUGHT

Died Thursday Morning Sept. 17,
After a Short Illness

Mrs. Archie L. Vought died Thursday morning at five o'clock, at the home of her father-in-law, J. H. Vought, 235 Grover Avenue, after an illness covering a period of only a week. The maiden name of Mrs. Vought was Sarah Ida Knox, and she was born July 31, 1886, at Stratford, Canada. She lived at Stratford for 13 years and then moved to Detroit where she resided until her death, with the exception of the time she spent in Alma. She was joined in wedlock to Archie L. Vought, of Alma, seven years ago the 12th of next October. The most of this summer has been spent in Alma by her with her husband. The cause of her sudden death was uremic poison, which was quick and effective in its course.

Short services were held in Alma at the house Friday morning, conducted by Rev. Jackson, after which the body was taken to Detroit, and the funeral ceremonies held at 45 Beech street.

Mrs. Emma Mulvey, of Detroit, and Harry L. Vought, of Detroit, were at the home in Alma Thursday, and accompanied by Miss Lena Vought and the husband of the deceased went with the body to Detroit.

Mr. Vought, who will be remembered as a former member of the Alma Fire Department for several years, will return to Alma after the funeral services of his wife.

BENNETT & MILLER

Name of New Firm in Alma Which
Will Conduct Bakery

A new firm has been established in Alma, "Bennett and Miller," Ideal Bakery. Frank Bennett, proprietor of the Bennett Bakery, opposite the Post Office, has sold a half interest to Jack Miller, of Mt. Pleasant, a man of fourteen years experience, and one who is capable of giving the public first class baked goods. Mr. Miller has moved his family here, and expects to make Alma his permanent home. Many improvements worthy of considerable mention have been made. A new Black Diamond oven has been installed, which will take three hundred loaves at one time, and which is considered the best portable oven manufactured. A large two barrel mixer and many new pans, etc., have been added to make the place entirely up-to-date.

AUTOMOBILE DAMAGED

B. G. Atherton Nearly Loses His
Machine by Fire.

A Buick, Model "F," automobile belonging to B. G. Atherton, who is running the dredge six miles south of the city, caught fire Saturday evening at eight o'clock in front of Mrs. Gaffney's store and created quite a stir for a few minutes. Gasoline leaking from the tank of the car flowed down the gutter and suddenly ignited, setting fire to the car at the same time. Hasty work on the part of Lawrence Ellison who used a fire extinguisher saved the car. That the fire did not result seriously was only providential, for as soon as the car was burning a small crowd gathered around regardless of the danger of explosion. Such heedlessness might have resulted fatally.

JOHN DUNHAM SR.

Died at the Home of His
Daughter, Mrs. H. J. Hyde

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1914

Funeral Services Held Tuesday—
Masonic Burial Service

John Dunham, Sr., aged 94, for many years a highly respected citizen of this city, the oldest citizen of the county and the oldest Mason in the county, if not in the state, died suddenly last Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Hyde, three miles west of Alma.

Mr. Dunham was a resident of Alma for nearly thirty years, and during that time held office for about twenty years, serving Alma both as a councilman and as a justice of the peace, retiring ten years ago, when Alma was incorporated as a city. His years spent in justice court were marked by a deliberation and clearness that made him well remembered by all who came in contact with him. Patient, sincere and sympathetic he assisted the weak, rebuked the offender and impressed all who knew him with his strength of character and justice. Such qualities gave rare dignity to a justice court and Alma considered herself fortunate in having such a man as a justice.

Before locating in Alma Mr. Dunham also was a justice for many years at both Hartland and Highland, Michigan, serving the public upwards of fifty years in all.

Since the loss of his wife nine years ago Mr. Dunham has led a quiet life, making his home with his children.

John Dunham was born in Pleasant Lake, N. Y., August 6, 1820, and in that state spent his early years. Removing to Michigan with his parents, while still a boy, he had seen Michigan transformed from a veritable wilderness to a flourishing state of large cities and prosperous farms. Mr. Dunham was located at Detroit, then Hartland and Highland before coming to Alma and at each of the latter two places served as a justice of the peace for years, probably spending fifty years of long life in this one office in Hartland, Highland and Alma.

Mr. Dunham was the father of nine children, two of whom died in infancy—John, Estella, Eva, Kittie, the late Judge Harrison M. of this city; Major L. of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. H. J. Hyde, living three miles west of Alma. The last two are the only survivors. Many grand and great grandchildren are living.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. J. Hyde, three miles west of Alma, Rev. Priest, officiating. Masonic services were held at Riverside cemetery where he was laid to rest beside the body of his wife.

ROOSEVELT SPECIAL

Will Pass Through Alma Next
Wednesday Sept. 30.

The Roosevelt "Special," bearing the Colonel himself, several of his political attaches and delegations from Kent, Ottawa, Oceana, Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Newaygo, Mecosta and Montcalm counties will arrive in Alma by the Pere Marquette Wednesday morning, September 30th, at 10 o'clock or thereabouts. The former president comes from Grand Rapids and will attend the State Progressive convention at Bay City.

At Alma Gratiot county's delegates will be taken on, headed by the city and county chairman, Otto Sanderhoff, and will go with the special to Bay City.

It is anticipated that affiliations with other political parties will not hinder a large crowd of Alma voters from being on hand. Alma Progressives will be out en masse.

METHODIST NOTES.

Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, minister. Parsonage, 724 State street, Union phone No. 43.

Sunday, 10 a. m., preaching by the pastor; 11:30 a. m., Bible school; 6:30 p. m., Epworth League; 7:30, preaching by the pastor.

Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30 p. m. Strangers always welcome. Students from the College and High School will be made to feel at home. There will be special music by the choir at both services.

WEDDING.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webb, when their youngest son Clyde was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Marsh. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present. After the ceremony a sumptuous four-course dinner was served, after which the happy couple boarded an Ann Arbor train south mid showers of rice and old shoes, to visit relatives in southern Michigan and Ohio. Miss Marsh was a popular young lady of St. Louis, and Mr. Webb a prosperous young farmer of Arcada. Their many friends wish them long life and happiness. They will be at home after October 1 on the P. J. Adams farm, two miles west of Alma.

THE GIDEON BAND

Conducted Services in the M. E.
Church Sunday Evening

Most inspiring services were held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening when nationally prominent members of the Gideon Band conducted meetings in behalf of that religious organization. In the morning the principal speakers were Colenel Cowden, "Cornstarch Jim" of South Bend, Martin and L. D. Jones, of St. Joseph, Mich., and in the evening the two latter. Each of them told of their personal experiences in religious matters, and of their work with the Gideon Band. This organization, composed entirely of men, is seeking to get in touch with traveling men and women and influence their lives for good. One of the means which they use is the gift of the Bible. These they place in all the hotel rooms for free use. The members of the Gideon Band have placed almost countless numbers of the Book in the hands of the traveling public in this way. A collection for the wonderful work was taken, and interest in it was at the highest pitch. Several present at the evening meeting were led to Christ. "Cornstarch Jim" Martin was so named because he is sales manager of one of the biggest wholesale grocery houses in the country, located at Elkhart, Indiana. A beautiful anthem was sung by the choir. In the afternoon at three o'clock a special service was held in the Presbyterian Church with about thirty present. Fifty-five Bibles will be placed in the two hotels in the city.

PROF. R. H. RITCHIE

To Succeed Glen Y. Warner on
Alma College Faculty

Prof. R. H. Ritchie has been secured to take the place of Prof. Glen Y. Warner, who recently resigned as head of the English department at the college. He was for three years a student at Northwestern University, taking work of Prof. R. H. Cummock, one of the greatest instructors in elocution in the country. He graduated one year later from Chicago University. Mr. Ritchie taught for three years, following graduation, at Colorado College and ten years at Kansas State Normal school. One year ago he went to Harvard University, where he took his master's degree. Prof. Ritchie has a remarkable record as a student and as a teacher, and that he will be a strong factor in the educational life at Alma is an assured fact.

JOHN N. DAY SR.

A Veteran of the Civil War
and Gratiot Pioneer.

The body of J. N. Day, an old and respected Alma citizen, who died in Traverse City last week Wednesday, was brought to the home of his wife on Park avenue, Alma, Friday afternoon, and the funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church by Rev. J. W. Priest on Saturday, September 19, 1914.

John Norris Day was born in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 9, 1834, and died at Traverse City, Mich., on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1914. He was married to Cornelia J. Hildreth at Detroit May 20, 1856, and for two years Mr. and Mrs. Day resided in that city. They moved to Clinton county in 1858 and in 1864 Mr. Day enlisted in the Union army, serving till the close of the war. They moved to Eaton county in 1868 and from thence in 1879 they came to Gratiot county where they have since resided. There were twelve children of the marriage of whom eight are now living. Mr. Day was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Day survives her husband their children are Mrs. Maude Keith, Portland, Oregon; William J. Day, Midland, Mich.; John N. Day, Jr., Houghton Lake, Mich.; Mrs. Josephine Castle, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Ida Bigelow, Alma, Mich.; Mrs. Jennie Woodward, Sumner, Mich.; Mrs. Addie Gibbons, Parsons Kan.; Mrs. Abbie Wolfe, Swift Current, Sask., Canada.

Percy Frick of St. Louis was an Alma business caller Tuesday.

Luchini Bros. are having a special sale on Bananas this week, 10 cents per dozen. All Alma dealers are making the same price.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE AT OPERA HOUSE

By Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., Member of the Board of
Lectureship, First Church of Christ Scientists, Boston.

Last Friday evening a large audience was present at the city Opera House to listen to an address on Christian Science delivered by Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., Member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Mr. J. H. Thaw introduced the speaker, saying:

"When Jesus stood before the Roman Governor in the judgment hall at Jerusalem, and the latter propounded the most momentous question ever asked, 'What is truth?' it is not recorded that Jesus made any reply, evidently implying by his silence that his teachings and works were a sufficient answer to Pilate. During his ministry, however, he promised that those who believed in him should know the truth and the truth would set them free. This age has been blessed with a fulfillment of that promise in the discovery by a divinely inspired, spiritually-minded woman, of the unchanging, unvarying, demonstrable Principle of all truth, which is today blessing mankind the world over, reforming the sinner and healing the sick. You have been invited here tonight to hear some of the reasons for this assertion by one duly authorized and fully equipped to give them. I have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Virgil O. Strickler, of New York, a member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., who will now address you."

Mr. Strickler said in part:

"It is undeniable that Christian Science has healed many sick people and has brought about the regeneration of many who were the victims of sin. Among its membership are those who have been healed of intemperance, of so-called chronic and organic diseases, as well as of maladies that were acute or functional. It has healed others of sorrow, fear, unhappiness and similar diseased mental conditions that often cause more suffering and distress than physical disorders.

In every case of Christian Science healing, whether the disease was

chronic or acute, physical or mental, the cure was brought about without the use of hypnotism, mental suggestion, drugs or any material means, and entirely through the application of the spiritual teachings of Christian Science.

The healing of the sick, however, is not the primary purpose of Christian Science. According to the teachings of this Science all sickness and disease result from error and false belief, which are summarized as sin, and when the error of belief is destroyed by the truth which Christian Science imparts, the disease disappears. Christian Science, therefore, teaches that the cause of all disease and sin is mental, and not physical, and that both sin and disease may be cured by one and the same metaphysical process, namely, by the substitution of spiritual truth in place of error and false belief in the human consciousness.

"Ye Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Free."

It is recorded in the 8th Chapter of the Gospel of John that upon one occasion when Jesus was being harassed by the lawyers and theologians, who were plying him with questions and seeking to entrap him by his answers, he turned to a group of his followers, who were standing near, and said to them, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." In all of the Bible there is no statement of greater importance to mankind than this utterance of the Master. It prescribes the remedy for every human ill. Knowledge of a thing must come through the mental and not through the physical, hence, according to the words of Jesus, mankind will be delivered from sin, disease and death not by doctoring the physical, but by filling the mental with truth. If this statement of Jesus was true it follows by irresistible logic that the enslaving conditions from which humanity suffers must be due to the belief of something which is not true. In other words, if the time is ever to come, as

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BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning service, 10 o'clock.
Sermon, "The Pleasures of Religion."
Sunday school, 11:30.
Junior Union, 3 o'clock.
B. Y. P. U., 6:30.
Topic, "Bible Program of Missions."
Evening service, 7:30.
Sermon: "The Day of Salvation."
Thursday night prayer meeting, 7:30. These services in the United Brethren church.
Rally Day in the Baptist church, October 4th.
J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot.

FRESHMEN VICTORIOUS

Soph-Fresh Rush Lasts Only Two
Minutes and Forty Seconds

The Freshman-Sophomore Flag Rush lasted only two minutes and forty seconds Wednesday morning, when the Almighty Sophs were hurled to the ground in disgrace after a plucky one-sided battle. The Sophs were outnumbered by the Freshmen and so tried strategy, and failed. The Freshmen unearthed a box of batteries and an induction coil, which was wired to the pole, generating enough current to make the fellows let loose of the pole, but not enough to do any injury. The Sophs retaliated this by kidnapping the Fresh president and carrying him to Mt. Pleasant by machine and keeping him until after the rush was over Wednesday morning. The Fresh and Sophs both tried many pranks and tricks and some worked on each side. The Sophs made a brave fight around the pole but were overpowered and the colors were hauled down. Now that the class superior is decided in favor of the Freshmen, harmony will exist and all will work toward common ends as is always the way in Alma College. New fire escapes are being put on the administration building of the College.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma Societies Guests at Blaisdell Home

Miss Mary and Mr. Thomas Blaisdell entertained the members of the Alpha Theta and Zeta Sigma Literary Societies at their home on West Superior street at five thirty o'clock Saturday afternoon. Specially invited guests were Mr. Wildermuth, new instructor in German, Miss Riker, the new physical director for the women, and Miss Waite, the new dean of women. A bountiful lunch was served on the lawn by the host and hostess. Japanese lanterns gave the scene a delightful touch. After lunch games were played and a reception in honor of the new members of the faculty.

M. E. CONFERENCE

Appointments for the Lansing District.

The M. E. conference closed its labors at Muskegon Tuesday evening. The following are the appointments for the Lansing district, which includes this city:

W. H. Phelps, of Battle Creek, Superintendent; Alma, T. G. R. Brownlow; Ashley, R. V. Birdsall; Bannister, P. D. Huff; Bath, F. S. Kinney; Belding, W. E. Doty; Berlin and S. Berlin, to be supplied; Breckenridge, O. W. Carr; Carson City, H. V. Wade; Crystal to be supplied; Delta, D. C. Crawford (s); Dewitt T. H. Wright (s); Duplain, L. T. Robinson; Eagle, G. T. Fisher (s); Elsie, I. E. Wilkinson; Grand Ledge, C. E. Pollock; Gresham, G. R. Wenrich (s); Hoytville, C. A. Trimble (s); Hubbardston, Emerald Dixon; Ionia, C. E. Hoag; Ithaca, C. L. Beebe; Lansing Central, M. L. Fox; Lansing, T. H. M. Coghlon; Lansing, Michigan Avenue, A. H. Smith; Lyons, F. E. Chamberlain; Maple Rapids, G. R. Millard; Mason, G. W. Maxwell; Middleton and Sethton, Irving Eagle; Nashville, R. C. Lord; North Star, Carl Seipp; Okemos, George Brown; Orange, C. B. Hanson; Orleans, W. Nickel; Ovid, D. D. King; Palo, H. A. Crumb (s); Perrinton, J. G. Biery; Portland, W. W. Slee; Pottsville, W. Y. Pohly; Riverdale, A. W. Baker; St. Johns, C. J. Kruse; St. Louis, S. B. Ford; Shepherdsville, J. W. Rochelle; Sheridan, J. H. Bancroft; Sunfield, A. E. Wynn; Vermontville, J. H. Leamon; Wacousta, B. J. Youngs (s); Wheeler, F. G. Dunbar; Woodland, L. B. Kenyon.

Rev. W. P. French, formerly superintendent of this district, was appointed superintendent of the Niles district. Rev. Arba Martin, former district superintendent, was transferred to Hamilton, Ohio.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

\$40,000 Five Reel Film Sensation
to be Presented Oct. 2.

It took many months and more than \$40,000 to originate and initially produce "From Molten Steel to Automobile," the wonderful motion picture sensation put out by the Maxwell Motor Co., Inc., Detroit, Mich., and to be seen here at the Alma Vaudeville, Alma, Mich., October 2, 1914. Free tickets of admission may be had by applying to Frank M. Smith, the local Maxwell dealer.

The pictures are novel, thrilling and highly educational. A wide range of territory was covered in getting the various scenes; but those depicting the making of the famous Maxwell "25" car will be undoubtedly most admired, for they add interest to the car that is so widely and favorably known. Realism, variety, scenic splendor and heart interest are fascinatingly combined with the more commercial phases of the business. Every person having the least interest in automobiles should attend.